795 the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. There are two dioceses, each headed by a bishop. Most of the Greek Catholic congregations were situated in the area ceded to Russia after World War II. Now their 70,000 members live scattered all over the country.

798 771 Thus the Finns represent a religiously uniform group. There have been no religious persecutions, no fights between different denominations. The absence of influential religious minorities has no doubt contributed to the fact that there is little religious fanaticism, and religious considerations hardly influence the national attitude towards foreign countries--except for those in which religion has been officially abandoned and persecuted. And, of course, a common religion is apt further to strengthen the ties that connect Finland with the Scandinavian states.